

**Carnival and Amusement Ride Safety Advisory Board
Meeting, September 19, 2013**

Board Members Present:

Edward M. Smith, Chair
Al Belmont
Debbie Henderson
Nancy Sheridan
William Gehlhaus
Len Turtora
Geoff Rogers

DCA Staff Present:

Michael Baier, Acting Chief, Bureau of Code Services
Michael Triplett, Carnival and Amusement Ride Safety Unit
Carrie Battista, Bureau of Code Services
Don VanHouten, Carnival and Amusement Ride Safety Unit

Members of the Public:

Anthony Casale, ROAR/The Fun Factory
Lary Zucker, ACA
Ed McGlynn, NJAA

A. The meeting was called to order at 11:05 am.

B. Approval of the Minutes of March 19, 2013 A motion was made by William Gehlhaus seconded by Debbie Henderson to accept the minutes of the 3/19/13 meeting.

C. Old Business

1. Adoption of ASTM F2291 - Staff reported that the Committee had met and is making steady progress through chapter 8 of the standard. The committee will meet again after the Board meeting.

2. RCMT Sub-committee –Debbie Henderson reported that Mike Triplett had provided her with a list of seminars that the Department was providing for Recognized Certified Maintenance Technicians. Staff reported that they believed the cost of the courses is \$75.00 for non-licensed people but would check and let the board know.

3. Open Gondola Ferris Wheel – This item was tabled while the Board waits for ASTM to address the issue.

4. Fees for Rides – Staff reported that they had not had a chance to review the material submitted by Ms. Henderson on ride fees.

E. Information:

1. The ride statistics were presented. Mike Triplett reported that the number of inspections was up but that he believed that was because inspectors were doing a better job of reporting their inspections. He reported that the number of unregistered rides was down considerably from the previous year. There was one serious incident reported for the year it occurred on an inflatable and resulted in a broken arm. A Board member asked if accidents could be broken down by ride type (Inflatable, Water Slide, hard ride etc.). Staff said it would have to be done by hand but that they would prepare a breakdown for the Board.
2. Staff reported that the rule proposal on emergency stop/ disconnects was adopted.
3. The Department stated that the rule proposal on cross training of elevator inspectors and amusement ride inspectors had been adopted.
4. The Department reported that the proposal on serial numbers, acceptance inspections and training certifications was adopted.

E. Public Comment:

1. Lary Zucker stated that he received a call concerning the rule that would allow for the crosstraining of elevator and amusement ride inspectors. Mr. Smith verified for the Board that the rule had been adopted. Two Board members stated that they thought that anyone doing inspections on amusement rides should be NAARSO certified. Staff responded that the elevator inspectors would only be used for operational inspections. A Board member asked what operational inspections consisted of. Staff stated that the inspections involve observing the ride while operating to make sure that seatbelts are being checked, that the proper procedures were being followed for the loading and unloading of rides, that rider heights were being checked and that training certifications were available for the operators. Ms. Henderson stated that the ride unit budget should include an item for NAARSO training and certification.
2. Lary Zucker reported that NJAA would be sponsoring NAARSO training in February of 2014.
3. A Board member asked about the current staffing level for the unit. Staff reported that there are 4 engineers, 3 field supervisors, 3 electrical subcodes and 11 ride

inspectors. Mr. Smith reported that staffing levels were adequate but asked that the industry make an effort to get projects in sooner.

4. A Board member asked how many other States require a type certification. Staff responded that they were not sure but believed that Massachusetts also requires an engineering review of rides. The Board member stated that he did not want to deal with the type certification process. Staff responded that how smoothly the application process goes is dependent on the quality of the submission. A Board member stated that they did not believe that the engineering review was a huge burden but did feel that New Jerseys rules should be aligned with the ASTM F2291 standard to the greatest extent possible. Mr. Gehlhaus requested that that the next Board agenda should include an item for engineering approvals.

F. Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 12:20 pm.